

**City of Alexandria
City Council Special Meeting
Budget Public Hearing
Monday, March 11, 2019, 4:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance; Mr. Wicks, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Herring, Budget Analyst; Ms. McGrane, Budget Analyst; Ms. Poly, Budget Analyst; Ms. Evans, Budget Analyst; Mr. Lew, Budget Analyst; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; Police Captain Andreas; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present.

2. Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2020 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for FY 2020-2029 (including the Schools CIP). Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the ordinance establishing the Real Property Tax Rate will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

City Manager Jinks gave a brief introduction and overview of the proposed FY2020 Operating Budget and proposed Capital Improvement Programs for FY2020-2029.

The following persons participated in the budget public hearing:

1. Barbara Waters, 325 Cameron Station Blvd, representing the Commission on Aging, spoke about supporting funding for initiatives in the budget that support the senior and disability population in the City.

2. Charles Ziegler, 309 North Langley Street, representing the Friends of Beatley Library, spoke in support of funding for programs at the City libraries.

3. Megan Ellzy, 1200 Stonewood Court, speaking on behalf of firefighters, spoke about funding for the fire department and salary increases for firefighters and EMS personnel.

4. Nancy Drane, 25 Forrest Street, an ACPS parent, spoke in support of funding the schools budget request, particularly to address the facilities and capacity issues with schools.

5. Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, spoke about increases in fares for DASH transit services and funding for public transportation. Mr. Drudi also wished Mayor Wilson a Happy Birthday.

6. Ingris Moran, 3800 Executive Avenue, spoke about increasing funding in the proposed budget for affordable housing and protecting and increasing wages with the upcoming changes with Amazon headquarters coming to the area.

7. Roy Shannon, 302 Raymond Avenue, representing the Community Services Board, spoke in support of the budget and the funding for addressing the opioid epidemic.

8. Malka Zeefe, representing the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, presented information from the budget and finance committee from the CYFCC and support in funding the schools budget. Ms. Zeefe thanked the Council for proposing to support initiatives that address early childhood education, college readiness, and address facilities maintenance and capacity issues.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council closed the budget public hearing. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, the budget public hearing of March 11, 2019 was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk